



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 26, 2005

H.R. 2017 **Torture Victims Relief Reauthorization Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on International Relations
on June 30, 2005*

H.R. 2017 would authorize the appropriation of \$44 million in 2006 and \$46 million in 2007 for foreign and domestic programs to assist victims of torture. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$17 million in 2006 and almost \$90 million over the 2006-2010 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2017 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 150 (international affairs) and 600 (income security).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Domestic Treatment Centers					
Authorization Level	25	25	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	8	18	15	7	2
Foreign Treatment Centers					
Authorization Level	12	13	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	8	8	4	2
Contribution to United Nations' Fund					
Authorization Level	7	8	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	6	8	1	*	*
Total					
Authorization Level	44	46	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	17	34	24	11	4

NOTE: * = less than \$500,000.

Section 3 of the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million a year in 2006 and 2007 for the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). Under current law, HHS makes grants to programs in the United States that provide psychological and physical rehabilitation, social services, and legal services to victims of torture. Section 4 would authorize the appropriation of \$12 million in 2006 and \$13 million in 2007 for foreign treatment centers for victims of torture. Finally, section 5 would authorize the appropriation of \$7 million in 2006 and \$8 million in 2007 for grants to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

H.R. 2017 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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